

Amendments to the Specifications

Please replace the abstract on page 15 with the following replacement abstract:

~~An embodiment of the invention~~ The present invention is a shoulder dislocation acute-phase immobilization orthosis for supporting, in treatment for a shoulder dislocation, an arm in a prescribed position while the elbow is bent at a right angle in an arm hanging position. The orthosis comprises: a support frame (1) integrally formed of a lightweight hard thick-plated material, with a width approximately greater than that of the forearm, comprising: a curved portion (3) which follows the shape of the abdominal part of a body and an arm supporting side face (5) of approximately the forearm length, which is integrally extended forward from one end of the curved portion (3) via a bent portion (4) and is bent at an appointed angle; an arm supporting member(s) (6) for immobilizing the forearm, provided on the arm supporting side face (5) of the support frame (1); and a wrap-around belt (2) made of a flexible material having a width identical to that of the support frame 1, provided with a surface fastener (8) for fitting the support frame (1) to the trunk part of a body.

Please amend paragraph [0014] on page 3 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0014] Furthermore, a shoulder dislocation acute-phase immobilization orthosis of another embodiment of the present invention comprises a roughly triangular support block formed of a lightweight hard synthetic resin material, with a width approximately greater than that of the forearm, comprising: a curved portion which follows the shape of the abdominal part of a body; an arm supporting side face of approximately the forearm length, which is extended forward from both ends of the curved portion to create an angle of

inclination within a range of 5°~10° outward from at least one flank side of the user; and an inclined front face provided with an arm supporting member for immobilizing the forearm on the arm supporting side face, mated to said arm supporting side face from the other flank side of the user; and a wrap-around belt made of a flexible material having a width identical to that of the support block, provided with a surface fastener for fitting the support block to the trunk part of a body. The arm supporting member can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face via a surface fastener.

Please amend paragraph [0031] on page 5 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0031] As shown in Fig. 7, 0° is an angle in a neutral position where the arm is, in a full-face pose, extended forward in parallel with the flank side of the user, -20° is an angle in an internally rotated position where the arm is rotated from the 0° position in a direction to approach the abdominal part, and 30° is an angle in an externally rotated position where the arm is rotated from the 0° position in a direction to become distant from the abdominal part.

Please amend paragraph [0033] on page 6 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0033] Herein, although two arm supporting members 6 were formed on the front and back in Fig. 1, one wide-width band fully across the length of the arm supporting side face 5 may be employed. In addition, arm supporting member 6 can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face 5 via a surface fastener.

Please amend paragraph [0042] on page 7 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0042] The support block 10 is formed of a lightweight hard synthetic resin material made of, for example, polyethylene, polypropylene, or styrene foam, with a width greater than that of the forearm, and has a roughly triangular shape comprising: a curved portion 3 which follows the shape of the abdominal part of a body; an arm supporting side face 5 of approximately the forearm length, which is extended forward from one end ~~both ends~~ of the curved portion 3 to create an angle within a range of 5°~10° outward from one flank side of the user; and an inclined front face 11 mated to the supporting side face 5 from the other flank side of the user.

Please amend paragraph [0043] on page 7 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0043] In addition to the arm supporting side face 5 of the support block 10, an arm supporting member 6 of a belt-like band is adhered and fixed via its rear surface in the up-and-down direction, and surface fasteners 7 and 8 are respectively provided on the front ends of the same. Arm supporting member 6 can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face 5 via a surface fastener 8.

Please amend paragraph [0050] on page 8 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0050] On the other hand, on the arm supporting side face 5, laid is a surface fastener 8 (female) to be engaged with the surface fastener 7 (male) laid on the fixing plate 16. Arm

supporting member 14 can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face 5 via a surface fastener 8.

Please amend paragraph [0053] on page 9 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0053] On the other hand, on the arm supporting side face 5, laid is a surface fastener 8 (female) to be engaged with the surface fastener 7 (male) laid on the arm supporting side face 5 side of the gutter-like arm supporting member 17. Arm supporting member 17 can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face 5 via a surface fastener 8.

Please amend paragraph [0056] on page 9 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0056] On the other hand, on the arm supporting side face 5, laid is a surface fastener 8 (female) to be engaged with the surface fastener 7 (male) laid on the arm supporting side face 5 side of the inverted L-shaped arm supporting member 18. Arm supporting member 18 can also be detachably fixed to the arm supporting side face 5 via a surface fastener 8.

Please amend paragraph [0062] on page 11 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0062] At this time, since the support frame 1 is located at the waist position of the body, the arm is bent at the elbow joint into an L-shape, and as shown in Fig. 6, the forearm is supported and immobilized onto the support frame 1 with an appointed horizontal angle from the flank side of the user.